



**Mississippi State Department of Health
Advisory Council on Occupational Therapy
Minutes
January 24, 2018**

Members

Scott Cockroft
Dr. Rebecca Barry
Michelle Pierce
Megan P. Ladner, Chair
Tina Melton

MSDH

F. Simkins
Y. Morrow
A. Saleem
C. Walter

1. Ms. Ladner called the meeting to order. A quorum was established.
2. By unanimous consent, October 25, 2017, minutes were approved by the Council.
3. The following officers were elected by acclamation:
Chair-elect: Mr. Scott Cockroft
Secretary-elect: Ms. Tina Melton
4. Old Business

Ms. Ladner discussed changing the supervision requirement to 30-days instead of the current 21-days, as stated in *the Regulations Governing Licensure of Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Assistants*, for all settings. In previous discussions, the Council discussed making this change only in home health settings. Ms. Melton expressed concerns about patient care if this change was made. The Council discussed the pros, such as being in line with Medicare billing, and cons, like concern for patient care and supervising visit not being done. A motion was made by Mr. Cockroft and seconded by Ms. Melton to keep the current 21-day supervision requirement as listed in the Regulations. The motion carried.

5. New Business

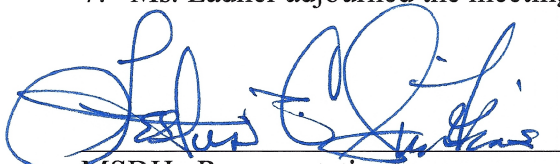
- A. Ms. Morrow reminded the Council of their upcoming renewal period which starts on March 1, 2018. Mr. Cockroft asked if current NBCOT certification would be accepted in

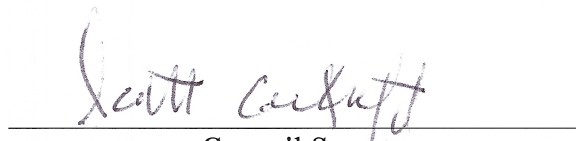
lieu of continuing education certificates. Mr. Simkins informed the Council that NBCOT certification would be accepted for renewal.

- B. The council reviewed a continuing education course: "YOGA: An Adjunct Therapy Combined with Traditional Neuro-recovery Therapies" from Methodist Rehabilitation Center. A motion was made by Ms. Ladner and seconded by Ms. Ladner to approve "YOGA: An Adjunct Therapy Combined with Traditional Neuro-recovery Therapies." The motion carried.
- C. Ms. Ladner presented a request from the Mississippi Occupational Therapy Association (MSOTA) to add telehealth to the Regulations. Ms. Ladner and Mr. Cockcroft discussed the American Occupational Therapy Association's (AOTA) position on telehealth and the occupational therapy profession. Mr. Simkins explained that the legislator has placed a hold on all Telepractice issues. A motion was made by Mr. Cockcroft and seconded by Dr. Barry to table the decision to add telehealth to the Regulations until the legislature has granted permission to move forward on the issue. The motion carried.
- D. Ms. Melton asked if there was a final decision concerning adding dry needling to the practice of occupational therapy and including it in the Regulations. Members of the Council informed her that the discussion has been tabled.

6. The next Council meeting was scheduled for January 23, 2019, at 1:00 p.m.

7. Ms. Ladner adjourned the meeting at 2:29 p.m.


MSDH Representative


Council Secretary

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